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FDD Abstract [REDACTED]

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS ABOUT POTATOES IN THE GDR (3 pp; German; [REDACTED])

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This document consists of three parts. The first part, one page, dated [REDACTED] is a letter from the chief of the Goods Distribution Planning of the State Planning Commission to the State Secretary for Trade and Supply. The letter deals with the potato ~~for~~ distribution for 1951, until the new harvest of 1952 is brought in. The writer requests that when planning the potato distribution, the very low potato crop should be taken into consideration. To assure sufficient eating and fodder potatoes for the populace, potatoes should not be supplied to the starch and alcohol industries, unless there is a sufficient balance available.

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The second part of the document, one page, is a letter dated [REDACTED] from Streit, State Secretary of Procurement and Purchasing, to the chairman of the State Planning Commission. Streit complains that export agreements for agricultural products were concluded without his consultation. He refers particularly to an agreement with Poland, whereby the GDR is to export 100,000 tons of potatoes to Poland. Carrying out this agreement will create difficulties, and in future, Streit wants to be informed of all agreements for agricultural products before they are concluded.

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The third part of the document, one page, is a letter dated [REDACTED] from the State Secretariat for Food, Beverages and Tobacco, to the State Secretariat for Procurement and Purchasing, dealing with potato deliveries to the starch industry. They refer to the request of the State Planning Commission to reduce deliveries of potatoes for industrial purposes to the starch industry [see part one of the documents]. Such a reduction would have bad economic consequences. They, therefore, ask that the Secretariat for Procurement and Purchasing assures a full quota delivery of potatoes to the starch industry.

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